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Attn: Teresa Smith

Re: North Carolina State Plan Amendment 11-009

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan NC 11-009 that was received in the Regional Office on April 26, 2011. The amendment was submitted to prohibit Medicaid payment to institutions or entities located outside the United States as authorized under Section 6505 of Public Law 111-148, Section 1902(a)(80) of the Social Security Act.

Based on the information provided, we are now ready to approve the Medicaid State Plan Amendment NC 11-009. This SPA was approved on May 31, 2011. The effective date of this amendment is June 1, 2011. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA-179 and plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Elmore, at 404-562-7408.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

**Enclosures**